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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

1. [redacted] reports on criminal conditions in Karaganda, Stalinabad, and Asbest and polygamy in the Kazakh SSR. 25X1
2. The reports include the following information:
 - a. [redacted] several incidents typical of conditions in Karaganda in February 1956 and alleges that it is the most lawless city in USSR. 25X1
 - b. [redacted] polygamy is common among Kazakhs, gives women's social position in the Kazakh SSR, and relates individual examples [redacted] 25X1
 - c. [redacted] the murder of Chinese students of the Karaganda Institute of Coal Mining in the summer of 1954 and the Chinese government's protest to Moscow which led to the reinstatement of the death penalty in the Kazakh SSR.¹
 - d. [redacted] narrative of various criminal incidents in Stalinabad between 1948 and 1955. 25X1
 - e. [redacted] instances of alleged acts of sabotage involving thefts at the Asbestos Factory No. 5 in Asbest during summer 1955.

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1. [redacted] probably referring to the Karagandinskiy Gornyy Institut (Karaganda Mining Institute). The death penalty was reinstated throughout the USSR on 6 May 1954.

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COUNTRY: USSR (Kazakh SSR)

SUBJECT: Criminal Situation in Karaganda

DATE OF REPORT: 31 August 1956

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Attached is a report on the criminal situation in Karaganda.

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1. Karaganda is allegedly the most lawless city in the USSR. The worst criminals are recruited among the Asiatic segments of the population and especially among the Chechens. Dozens of murders, usually motivated by robbery, and hundreds of major thefts occurred weekly in Karaganda. [redacted] it was impossible to leave any movable property unguarded for any length of time. 25X1

2. [redacted] incidents [redacted] typical of conditions in Karaganda. 25X1

One day [redacted] a thief [redacted] pickpocketing a woman's purse at the bazaar. The thief, a Kazakh, motioned [redacted] to move on and pointed sarcastically at the knife stuck in his felt boots. 25X1

3. Showcases or open vendor's stands, as seen in Western countries, are unthinkable in Karaganda, since any merchandise so displayed would immediately disappear. 25X1

4. [redacted] a delegation of Karaganda citizens brought this problem to Khrushchev's attention when the latter visited the city in the summer of 1955. He reportedly replied that he would investigate the situation but essentially blamed the crimes on the Chechens and reminded the delegation that they were traitors and criminals who had been deported during the war.

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